

# GENESEE COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Genesee county is located in the north west part of the state. In 1998, there were 187,000 acres in farms, 59 percent of the county's total 316,160 acres. There were 635 farms in the county averaging 294 acres per farm. Genesee county ranks 28th in the state for number of farms and 17th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$109.6 million. Total sales averaged \$212,430 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, vegetables, cattle and calves, corn for grain, and wheat.

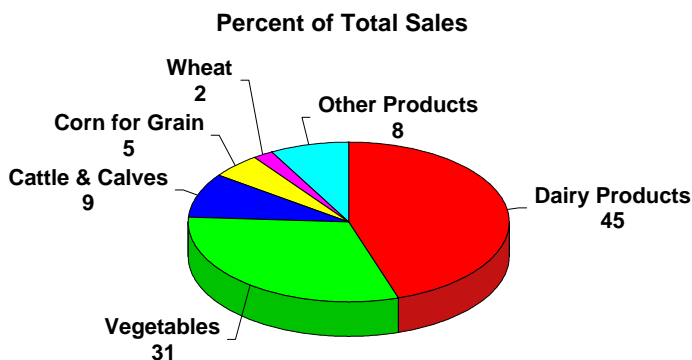
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$342,100. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$103,330 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$78.2 million for an average of \$151,864 per farm. The Census showed 58 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 51.6 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$20,511.

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales	Percent of Total	County Rank
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Dairy Products	48,916	45	10
Vegetables	33,528	31	1
Cattle & Calves	9,695	9	2
Corn for Grain	5,379	5	9
Wheat	2,525	2	2
Other Products	9,571	8	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>109,614</b>		<b>4</b>

1997 Census of Agriculture

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



### FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	2,487	263,542	5/	5/	26,561	5/
1950	2,112	257,379	181,682	24,863	31,780	19,054
1959	1,585	239,333	169,111	20,037	28,271	21,914
1969	1,029	196,648	148,871	5/	22,514	5/
1978	794	194,409	154,480	4,864	20,947	14,118
1982	741	188,964	147,631	5,621	19,284	12,428
1987	735	191,400	156,200	5,400	18,500	11,300
1992	640	188,800	152,400	7,000	18,700	10,700
1993	645	186,500	150,600	6,700	18,000	11,200
1994	645	182,800	148,900	6,100	16,400	11,400
1995	630	184,300	149,700	6,300	15,900	12,400
1996	630	183,000	149,700	6,500	14,900	11,900
1997	625	183,600	150,700	6,700	14,300	11,900
1998	635	187,000	152,100	7,100	15,000	12,800

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.  
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

### FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	229	214
\$10,000 to \$49,999	126	115
\$50,000 to \$99,999	50	52
\$100,000 or more	140	135
Farms Reporting	545	516
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

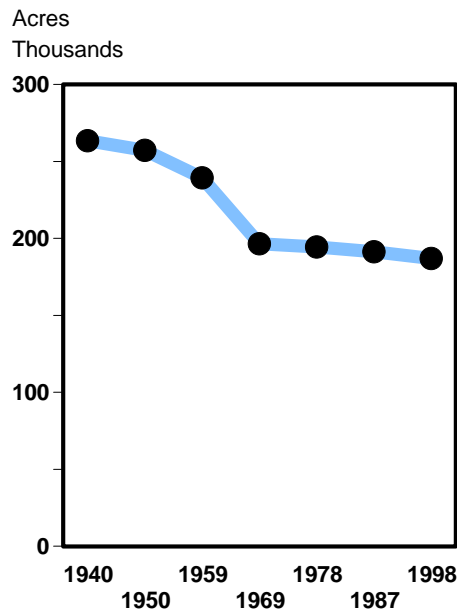
### RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 43rd in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	44,500	90
1950	47,600	96
1960	54,000	109
1970	58,700	119
1980	59,400	120
1990	60,100	122
1998	60,654	122

U.S. Census of Population

### Land in Farms



**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	23,387	1/	1/
1950	29,385	573	16,018
1959	36,637	890	18,865
1969	31,152	1,268	15,370
1978	38,000	1,400	18,000
1982	48,500	1,600	19,500
1987	44,000	1,300	22,000
1992	35,500	1,000	18,000
1993	36,000	900	18,500
1994	34,000	1,100	18,000
1995	35,000	1,000	18,500
1996	39,000	1,000	19,000
1997	41,000	1,100	20,000
1998	43,000	1,100	21,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**MILK: Cows & Production**

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head      Pounds      Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	18,200	12,400	225.7
1982	19,500	12,900	251.6
1987	19,500	14,500	282.8
1992	18,200	17,000	309.4
1993	18,000	17,300	311.4
1994	18,000	17,200	309.6
1995	19,000	17,800	338.2
1996	19,500	17,700	345.2
1997	20,500	17,700	362.9
1998	21,500	17,900	384.9

1/ Not available.

**OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	14,371	38.7	556,594
1950	1/	16,376	33.8	553,842
1959	1/	17,267	57.9	999,466
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	12,300	11,000	59.0	649,000
1982	11,300	10,100	69.0	696,900
1987	6,500	6,100	66.0	402,600
1992	4,200	2,900	76.0	220,400
1993	4,400	3,100	60.0	186,000
1994	2,600	2,200	68.0	149,600
1995	2,300	2,000	54.0	108,600
1996	2,200	1,800	50.0	90,700
1997	2,600	2,300	71.0	163,300
1998	2,900	2,800	65.0	182,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	22,856	23.9	547,192
1950	1/	28,502	27.3	778,873
1959	1/	20,430	29.6	603,878
1969	16,600	15,400	39.0	600,600
1978	6,400	6,000	35.0	210,000
1982	14,300	13,000	47.0	611,000
1987	8,900	8,400	51.0	428,400
1992	12,500	11,000	55.0	605,000
1993	10,100	9,000	47.0	423,000
1994	13,200	12,600	54.0	680,400
1995	14,300	14,200	58.0	823,600
1996	17,600	16,700	43.0	718,100
1997	14,900	14,500	58.0	841,000
1998	15,500	14,400	56.0	806,400

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,****1997 Census of Agriculture**

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
710	32	\$202,000	22

**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	13,059	4,554	40.2	183,251	1/	1/	1/
1950	16,370	7,211	45.5	328,140	8,702	8.6	74,585
1959	21,532	10,856	47.3	513,660	10,462	9.2	95,760
1969	25,800	13,400	79.0	1,058,600	1/	1/	1/
1978	49,600	31,000	82.0	2,542,000	18,000	12.0	216,000
1982	48,800	34,500	91.5	3,156,800	14,000	14.5	203,000
1987	40,000	27,600	114.0	3,147,600	11,900	16.0	190,400
1992	46,000	27,100	85.0	2,303,500	16,900	15.0	253,500
1993	43,300	27,300	104.0	2,839,200	15,600	13.7	213,700
1994	43,700	28,800	122.0	3,523,800	14,900	17.4	260,000
1995	44,200	30,200	104.0	3,140,200	13,900	14.9	206,900
1996	44,700	29,500	102.0	3,014,200	15,000	16.5	247,000
1997	45,500	28,100	110.0	3,091,000	17,000	16.4	278,800
1998	45,700	28,200	120.0	3,382,900	17,500	17.6	308,000

1940 - 1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

**HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/**

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	14,607	1.7	24,439	27,843	1.1	30,134	42,450	1.3	54,573
1950	13,929	2.0	27,216	22,470	1.4	30,889	36,399	1.6	58,105
1959	32,115	2.2	70,750	9,288	1.8	16,379	41,403	2.1	87,129
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	35,877	2.6	93,935
1978	24,700	2.6	64,200	5,700	2.2	12,500	30,400	2.5	76,700
1982	23,500	3.4	79,900	4,600	2.7	12,400	28,100	3.3	92,300
1987	25,000	3.5	87,600	6,000	2.8	16,500	31,000	3.4	104,100
1992	22,000	2.4	51,800	3,300	1.9	6,400	25,300	2.3	58,200
1993	17,400	2.8	48,300	3,800	2.0	7,500	21,200	2.6	55,800
1994	15,400	3.3	51,500	3,800	2.2	8,500	19,200	3.1	60,000
1995	15,200	3.2	48,600	3,800	1.6	6,200	19,000	2.9	54,800
1996	15,300	3.2	49,000	3,700	1.8	6,700	19,000	2.9	55,700
1997	16,300	2.6	42,500	4,300	2.0	8,600	20,600	2.5	51,100
1998	15,300	2.5	37,500	3,500	2.5	8,600	18,800	2.5	46,100

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available